

Christ is Baptized!
Христос крестается!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650

In the Jordan!
в Иордане!

Administrator: Fr. Paul-Alexander Shutt, OSB
Confession Schedule: *Saturday* 16:00 – 16:30,
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Sunday 9:00 – 9:30, or by appointment
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7 January 2018 / 7526 Sunday after Theophany
Synaxis of the Holy Forerunner, Prophet, and Baptist John

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Jan. 06 17:00 Vigil: Sunday after Theophany** Suffrages for **+Cody Fullman**
– Fullman Family
- Sun. Jan. 07 10:30 Sunday after Theophany** Suffrages *pro populo*; **+William Keselich** – James & Patricia (née Keselich) Krisner
- Sat. Jan. 13 17:00 Vigil: 32nd Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages *pro populo*
- Sun. Jan. 14 10:30 32nd Sunday after Pentecost** Suffrages for **+Kathleen Saffian**
– Marge Hulyk

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	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHER
Sat. Jan. 06	-----	J. Kontir	Any two present
Sun. Jan. 07	M. Syphan	S. Vacha	D. Hess, G. Krynicky
Sat. Jan. 13	-----	M. Harhai	Any two present
Sun. Jan. 14	E.R.A. Hess	G. Krynicky	R. Knouse, A. Syphan

12 / 31 / 2017	Adults \$681	Children \$3	Candles \$68
COLLECTION	Christmas: \$100	Holy Day: \$10	Initial Offering \$5
TOTAL: \$867			

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When the Forerunner saw Him Who is our Illumination, Who illuminates every man, coming to be baptized, his soul rejoiced, and his hand trembled. Then, pointing to Him he said to the people, 'Behold the Rescuer of Israel, Who delivers us from corruption.' Wherefore, O Christ our God, Who are sinless, glory be to You.

The angelic hosts trembled when they beheld our Redeemer being baptized by a servant, and testified to by the presence of the Spirit, while a heavenly voice from the Father cried, saying, 'Verily, this One on Whom the Forerunner places his hands, is My beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased.' Wherefore, O Christ our God, glory be to You.

The 2018 theme for the 45th annual March for Life is «LOVE SAVES LIVES: Life is the Loving, Empowering and Self-Sacrificial Option.» The following prayer is from the *Publicans Prayer Book* published by the Melkite Greek Catholic Church, Sophia Press.

~ Prayer for Aborted Children ~

 MOST MERCIFUL LORD, the Giver of Life: we entreat You, look with compassion and tender mercy upon Your children who have been condemned to death by abortion. You Who said, «Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven,» do now, we humbly pray, grant the inheritance of Your Eternal Kingdom to the multitude of innocents who have perished in their mother's wombs by the unjust judgment of men. We beseech You to soften the hearts of mothers and fathers who would seek to destroy Your little ones. Pour out upon them Your Divine grace that they may be convicted in their hearts and turn from their evil ways to embrace the True Faith. Upon those who have committed this cruelty: render not unto them according to their deeds, but rather have mercy upon them. Pierce their hearts with compunction and make their eyes stream with tears of repentance, joining their weeping with that of Rachel over her beloved children. For You are a merciful God, the Giver of Life and the Lover of Mankind, and to You we render glory, with Your eternal ✠ Father and All-Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever. Amen.

Next Sunday's Readings ~ 32nd Sunday after Pentecost

Epistle: I Timothy 4:9 – 15 *Thankfulness for Mercy*

GOSPEL: Luke: 19:1 – 10 *Jesus and Zacchæus*

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~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- The **2018 Vocation Icon** sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Reserve the icon for a week and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic life.
- **BINGO** resumes **FRIDAY, 12 JANUARY**. There is **NO BREAKFAST** in January.
- ECF classes begin again on **Sunday, 21 January**.
- *Theosis* subscription renewal time! Please indicate on the sheet located in the Narthex if you wish to renew your subscription. If you would like to be a new subscriber to this excellent publication of our Church, add your name to the same list of past subscribers. A reduced cost of \$60 is possible with 10 or more subscriptions. If less than 10, the price is \$72. Make check payable to **EASTERN CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS**.

- Congratulations to Helen DeFlorio who won the parish lottery ticket drawn on 31 December 2017 from the PA Lottery 1st Evening Drawing Pick 3, #107.
- **FIRST ALL SOULS SATURDAY** is 3 February. The **GREAT FAST** begins with Forgiveness Vespers, 11 February. **Clean Monday**, the 12th, is a day of Strict Fast. The Presanctified Liturgy will be served on Monday and Wednesday during Clean Week at 18:30.
- In the event of severe weather always check the message machine at the parish office as to the cancelation of services: 724-423-3673.